

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 were present in the application and stand subject to a restriction requirement. By the foregoing amendments, nonelected Claims 1-8 have been canceled, subject to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a separate application. Elected Claims 9 and 11 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of canceled Claim 1. In addition, new Claims 30-33, directed to the elected invention, correspond to canceled Claims 2-5. Finally, nonelected Claims 15-17 and 22-24 have been amended to depend from claims in the elected group for purposes of rejoinder. No new matter is presented in the foregoing amendments.

Election

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II, Claims 9-14 and 30-33 for prosecution in the present application. In addition, applicants request rejoinder of the pending, nonelected method claims upon allowance of product claims in the present application.

Conclusion

Entry of the foregoing amendments and election and prompt favorable action is requested. The Examiner is further requested to contact applicants' representative at the number set forth below to discuss any issues that may facilitate prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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